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[Despatch Abstract.]

PUBLIC Services- Provincial MVS- Post of Forest Chemist- Training and Amendments to the special rules for the M.V. S. --Papers Recorded.

VERY URGENT.

Forest Department, Madras.
Refce. No. 10572/44-B1 dated 22-8-1948.

From
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

SUB: TECHNICAL TRAINING - Training in the Chemistry of Forest Products.
Ref: Government Endorsement No.66457-C-I-48-1, Development dated 30-6-48.

Attention is invited to Government's letter to the Government of India No.66457- C-46-4, Development dated 6-12-46, and to letter No. EL 5/47, dated 13-1-47 from the Educational Department, Embassy of India, Washington to the Madras Government referred to the Chief Conservator of Forests for remarks in Government's Endorsement No.66457-C-46-5, Development, dated 6-2-47, In this Office Ref. No. 10572/44-B1, dated 28-3-47, it was pointed out that the recommendation made was for a man to deal with the Chemistry of Forest Products with special reference to Wood Distillation, that for that purpose the candidate need not possess, or undergo, a training in Forestry, and that a candidate with a good Honours degree in Chemistry would be suitable. It was requested that it be ascertained whether such a candidate without Forestry training would be accepted for the course in the Chemistry of Forest Products in the United States of America.

2. In the latest announcement of Courses 1947-48 of the New York State College of Forestry provision is made for Graduate work in wood chemistry and plastics (see page 18). Before undertaking the Graduate study the applicant must have had one of the undergraduates major programme of training given on page 19. The undergraduate work is classified in two Divisions- Division 1 which deals primarily with the forest; and Division II which deals with the products. Before the end of the Freshman year, each student must choose the division which he wishes to follow and in Division II (page 26) Wood Technology is mentioned which is a two year Course. The Undergraduate Course including Freshman year seems to be a three year Course after which Graduate work is to commence leading to higher degrees. This course does not seem to meet our requirements i.e. only training in Chemistry of forest products with special reference to wood distillation.

The bulletin of The Forest Products Laboratory, Madeson, Wisconsin gives a general account of the research in various branches and the importance of that research. There is no information as regards training facilities available to outsiders and the duration of such a course.

3, Now that Madras Forest College, Coimbatore has been transferred to the Government of India with effect from the 1st July 1948 and the question of establishing a first class Research Institute there similar to the one at Dehra Dun, is receiving the attention of the Government of India, Research connected with the chemistry of Forest Products of this Province can, I consider, be attended to at the Research Institute to be established at Coimbatore. The training of a candidate in the Chemistry of Forest Products, at the expense of the Madras Government does not appear to be necessary at this stage.

4. In the circumstances, it is for Government's consideration whether the question of training a candidate in the Chemistry of Forest Products be not deferred till the question of establishing a first class Research Institute at Coimbatore is finally decided by the Government of India.

5. The two booklets received from Government are resubmitted.

Sd.
for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Enclosures:

Two booklets.

1) The Forest Products Laborotary, U.S.A.
2) The New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

PUBLIC Services- Provincial M.F.S. Post of Forest Chemist- Training- Amendments to the special rules for the M.F.S.- Papers Recorded.

Development Department.

G.O. No. 4666 Dated 13-9-1948.
Read :
From the C.C.F. No. 10572/44-B1
dated 22-8-1948.

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(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

Sd.
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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NOTE FILE:

To A.S.

In 1946 the Government desired to depute for training abroad one of their Four officers in the Chemistry of Fœst products. As the original proposal to depute Sri A. Ramakrishna one of the junior Asst. Conservators of Forests, for that purpose did not materialise, the Government sanctioned in 1946, a permanent post of Forest Chemist, on a scale of Rs.200-700. This file started with the training of special rules for the post and to amend the special rules for the Madras Forest Service. Later, it was found that there was no provision for training in the Chemistry Forest products in the United Kingdom. So the Government of India and the Education Laiaison Officer for India in the U.S.A. were addressed. Attention is now invited to the latest latter from the C.C. F. on pp 23-24 cf.

For the reason that the Government of India will be establishing a Research Institute in the Forest College at Coimbatore and tht research con nected with the Chemistry of Forest products of the Province can be attended to at the Research Insitute to be started at Coimbatore, the C.C.F considers that it is not necessary at this stage to depute abroad at the expense of this Government a candidate for training a candidate in the chemistry of Forest products may be deferred till the quest ion of establishing a first class Research Institute at Coimbatore is finally decided by the Government of India.

In these circumstances it is for orders whether the C.C's proposal will be accepted and the proposal deferred for the present. If so the papers may be recorded with a;b entry for 1-7-49. The question of tfaining special rules for the post of Forest Chemist may also be taken up after 1-7-49.

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A draft order is submitted for approval.

(issued as G.O. Ms. 4666 Development, dated 13-9-48.)

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Superintendent,
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